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analyte in the skin of said subject.

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cont 2. (amended) A method of claim 1, wherein said method comprises creating an opening in the stratum corneum of the skin of said patient and accessing said sample through said opening.

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23 11. (amended) A method of claim 1, wherein said method further comprises comparing the amount of said analyte to a reference standard.

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12. (amended) A method of claim 2, wherein said method further comprises comparing the amount of said analyte to a reference standard.

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13. (amended) A method of claim 4, wherein said method further comprises comparing the amount of said analyte to a reference standard.

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14. (amended) A method of claim ~~8~~<sup>8</sup>, wherein said method further comprises comparing the amount of said analyte to a reference standard.

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15. (amended) A method of claim 10, wherein said method further comprises comparing the amount of said analyte to a reference standard.

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